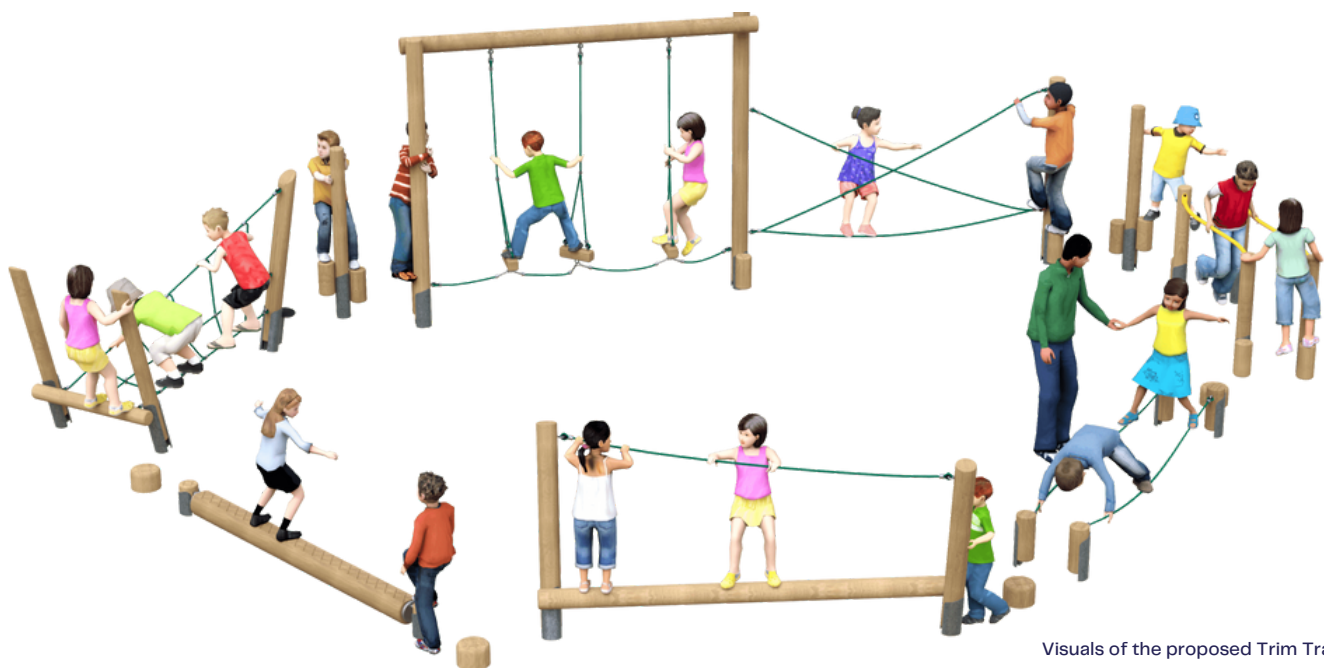


Alloway Primary Parent Council

# Spring Newsletter

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Visuals of the proposed Trim Trail

## Hello Parents,

As Spring beckons, we would love to share some of the recent highlights and our future plans, including our ambition to install a Trim Trail within the school playground! We need to raise £12,000 and work alongside Mitie to achieve this, so I am pleased to announce the exciting return of our school summer fayre in May as a key fundraising event.

If you or an employer may be interested in sponsoring our event, please get in touch. Likewise, if you would like to donate a prize towards our summer fayre raffle or would be interested in booking a stall, please reach out to us.

**As always, we thank you for your continued support.**

Laura Cameron, APPC Chair

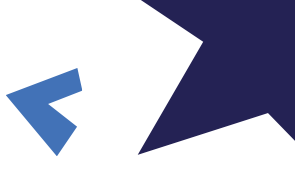
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If you would like to join or assist the Parent Council in any way please email us at [allowayparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:allowayparentcouncil@gmail.com) or contact your class rep who will put you in touch with us. We'd be delighted for any support that you can provide.



## Movie Night & Disco

Thank you for a fantastic attendance at both nights, the children had a brilliant time. The Iris and Little and Large Entertainment did an excellent job and we enjoyed hearing the lovely feedback.

The movie night was an opportunity to provide a memorable experience for the children at an already expensive time of year therefore the cost of the movie was covered with parent council funds and then into the new year, we kick started our fundraising efforts with our first disco since 2019.

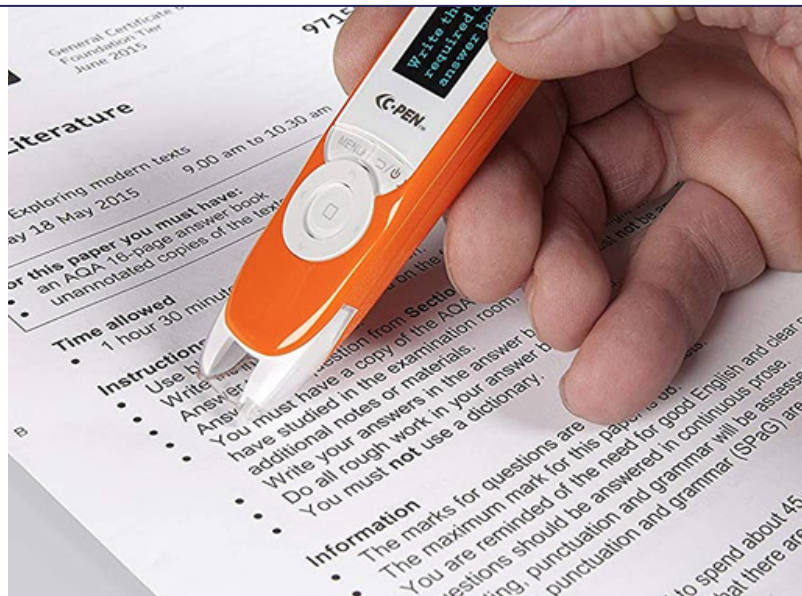
Huge thank you to all the parent helpers who helped with all the preparation in the lead up and at both events. These events would not go ahead without parent helpers.

Special thanks to Morrisons in the Community for donating chocolate treats for the movie night snack boxes.



## School wish list

We have asked the school staff if there are any 'wish list' items that they would like support from the Parent Council to help fund. They have requested the following items: ipads; scan and read pens, outdoor toy storage boxes; garden equipment; equipment for the EYC sensory room; microscopes and electronic spell checkers. If any parents or employers are able to provide any donations towards these items please reach out to the Parent Council.







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## Christmas Grotto

A special thanks to our crafty Vice Chair (Catriona Andrews) for designing and building our school Christmas Grotto.

This years theme was 'The Gingerbread House', inspired by the movie night treat bags.

All P1 -P3 children had the opportunity to visit and meet Santa. The inside of the Grotto was even more magical than the handmade exterior.



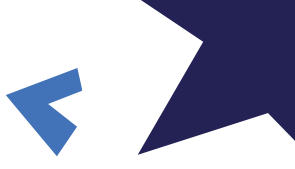
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## Christmas Gifts

We bought and wrapped over 250 gifts for all of the children in the lower school and the early years centre. These were hand delivered to each child by a special visitor during their Christmas parties.

Many thanks to the parents of the council who volunteered to wrap these gifts for the children and a special thanks to Santa for making the trip from the North Pole to visit the children.





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## Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

The Halloween and Christmas jumper new to you rails in the library gained a lot of positive feedback and was used really well. Therefore, we would love to keep this going and hopefully new to you wellies and waterproofs will be enjoyed by many soon (more details to follow).



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## Night Before Christmas Campaign

We assisted the Night Before Christmas Campaign with facilitating a donation drop off point within the library, several boxes of generous donations were greatly received.



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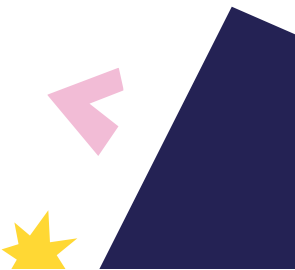
## What's happening next

Please expect a survey from us regarding Tempest. We would like to hear your thoughts and views on school photographs.

The King's Coronation; to mark this event, we will be offering the opportunity to purchase your child's masterpieces again. Artwork will be sent home like the Christmas cards where more mugs and teatowels will be on offer this time.

The big event; The Summer Fayre is making a comeback! We plan to host this fun filled day on Saturday 20th May between 11am-1pm. There will be a lot of preparation and planning going in to this one and the success of this event relies on support from parents and the local community. So please when we ask for help, please support us in any way you can. A school fayre hasn't been held at Alloway Primary since 2018 and has huge fundraising potential.

The next parent council meetings are scheduled for the 18th April and 31st May. All minutes from previous meetings are available to read on the school website.



## easyfundraising

Please remember to use easyfundraising especially if booking any holidays or paying for any insurance policies.

**Huge thank you to those who do this, we have received an amazing £412.11 so far this school year.**

Over 7,000 brands will donate to our school every time you shop online – so you can raise donations when you shop online.

**It doesn't cost you a penny extra and the donations will make such a difference.**

There 3 easy ways to get started:

1. Start at the [easyfundraising website](#) and search for a retailer.
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The banner features the Easyfundraising logo at the top left, with the tagline 'feel good shopping'. The main text reads 'Raise free funds for us every time you shop online'. Below this is a pink button that says 'Find out more'. At the bottom, there is a grid of logos for various retailers including Amazon.co.uk, John Lewis, ebay, M&S, Boden, GAP, Argos, Booking.com, DEBENHAMS, next, SCREWFIX, Sainsbury's, OSOS, Viking, moonpig, and JUST EAT.

## Parent Council Accounts

### Recent expenditure:

- £900.00 to cover half of the £1800 panto bus fayre bill.
- £246.92 for all Christmas party treats.
- £970.21 for the movie night.
- £402.96 for the Valentine's disco.

### Income:

- £482.15 from the movie night.
- £685.45 from Christmas merchandise.
- £918.21 from the Valentine's disco, £534.50 from treat bags, £383.71 from entry donations.

Current total funds available £3194.12

